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An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, respecting
the Department of Municipal Affairs

[Assented to, the 15th of March, 1924]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the
Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly
of Quebec, enacts as follows:

R. S., 2520*ta* to 2520*tk*,
added. **1.** The Revised Statutes, 1909, are amended by inserting
therein after section third of chapter tenth of title fourth
thereof, the following section and articles:

"SECTION IIIA

"Bureau of Inspector-Auditors

Bureau of
inspector-
auditors in
Dept. of
Municipal
Affairs.

"2520*ta*. There shall be created in the Department
of Municipal Affairs a bureau of inspector-auditors com-
posed of competent persons appointed by the Lieutenant-
Governor in Council, in such number and with such salary
as he shall deem expedient, to visit, under the direction of
the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the offices of the muni-
cipal councils in the Province.

"Municipal
council".

The words "municipal councils" and "municipal council"
in this section, mean and include the councils of county
municipalities, of city municipalities with the exception of
those of Quebec and Montreal, of town, village and rural
municipalities, regardless of what law governs them.

Duty of in-
specter-
auditors to
ascertain
certain facts.

"2520*tb*. 1. Each inspector-auditor shall be obliged
to visit the offices of the municipal councils mentioned in
article 2520*ta*, indicated to him by the Minister, in order to
ascertain whether:

a. The books, registers and archives of such offices are
correctly kept and in accordance with the law;

b. The security for the secretary-treasurer is valid and
sufficient;

c. The public moneys are administered according to law;

d. The laws respecting the revenues and expenses of
municipal corporations are observed.

Suggestions
to municipal
councils.

2. Each such officer shall further make to the muni-
cipalities all suggestions of a nature to induce them to
adopt a uniform system of accountancy and, for such object,
supply them gratuitously with all necessary information.

Separate
action.

3. Each such officer may act separately.

"2520tc. Each inspector-auditor shall make a complete report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs of each of his inspections, and insert in such report all the remarks he may deem expedient regarding the office in question and particularly the changes which seem to him necessary in order to obtain uniformity in the accountancy of the offices, and all recommendations as to the safe-keeping of the funds of the municipality and the accomplishment of the duties of the secretary-treasurer and of the other municipal officers.

Report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

"2520td. Upon receipt of the report from an inspector-auditor, the Minister of Municipal Affairs may give the council interested such instructions as he may deem to be in the interest of the municipality.

Instructions from the Minister.

"2520te. The Minister's instructions shall be sent by registered letter to the mayor and secretary-treasurer or clerk of the municipality, and the mayor, secretary-treasurer, or clerk must acquaint the council therewith at the first general or special meeting held after their receipt.

Transmission of instructions.

The municipal council shall, at that meeting, take cognizance of these instructions and may order the steps it deems necessary to carry them out.

Action of municipal council thereon.

"2520tf. Every inspector-auditor shall likewise, when so required by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, hold an inquiry into the conduct of any municipal officer, when it is in the public interest that such inquiry be held; and he shall have, with respect to such inquiry, all the powers of a commissioner appointed under chapter fourth of title third (articles 584 to 589).

Inquiry into the conduct of municipal officers. Provisions applicable.

"2520tg. Every municipal officer who keeps the account books or the registers of the *procès-verbaux* of a municipality must, whenever asked to do so by an inspector-auditor, produce and show to such inspector-auditor, for examination and inspection, all rolls, books, accounts, vouchers and documents in his possession, keeping or control.

Production of rolls, books, etc.

"2520th. Every municipal officer who neglects or refuses to comply with the provisions of the preceding article shall be liable, for each offence, to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars and not more than two hundred dollars, recoverable on summary conviction.

Fine in case of refusal.

"2520ti. The Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs

Powers of

Deputy
Minister of
Municipal
Affairs.

shall, *ex officio*, have all the rights and powers conferred by this section upon the inspector-auditors.

Payment of
costs incur-
red by in-
specter-
auditors.

"2520*lj*. The Lieutenant-Governor in Council shall determine the sum to be paid to inspector-auditors in order to defray the costs incurred by them in travelling in the execution of the duties with which they are charged.

Expenses;
how paid.

"2520*lk*. The expenses incurred in the carrying out of this act shall be paid out of the consolidated revenue fund."

Coming into
force.

2. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 33

An Act respecting the Director of Protestant Education in the Province.

[Assented to, the 15th of March, 1924]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

R. S., 2544*a*,
added.

1. The Revised Statutes, 1909, are amended by inserting therein, after article 2544 thereof, the following article:

Director of
Protestant
Education
in the
Province.

"2544*a*. The Protestant Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction shall, under the supervision and control of the Superintendent, be at the same time Director of Protestant Education in the Province.

Powers and
duties.

His powers and duties shall be determined by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council."

Coming into
force.

2. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.
